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The operations now being supported in are classic examples of those for which there must be long range logistics planning if success is to be assured.

Because of the physical distances separating these activities

from the sources of major materiel support, the time involved in

procurement, delivery overland and sea transportation, and distribution

within the area amounts to many months. This leadtime is further

extended when materiel in critical short supply is required (mostly)

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In these instances it is necessary to go through administrative procedures to obtain allocations and wait for delivery from production.

Major items of equipment such as vehicles, and power equipment, by there

their nature have long manufacturing leadtimes.

of programs have a significant effect on logistics support requirements acquisition time that must be identified long before implementation if adequate support is to be expected when required. Upward shifts in logistics support requirements have a geometrical effect, i.e., increased consumption in the field and increased quantities of material tied-up in the procurement-transportation-distribution pipeline.